

AMENDMENT

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application with the following Listing of Claims.

Listing of Claims

1. **(Previously Presented)** A method for monitoring hardware information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, comprising:

invoking a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type,

remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with the first network device based on the first location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics; and

dynamically presenting the real-time information through a display.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, the hardware information comprising chassis component information.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, each hardware characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;

chassis temperature;

Central Processing Unit (CPU) usage;

fan status;

module card status; and

power supply status.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, further comprising selecting a second location directive of the flexible configuration file to retrieve hardware information associated with a second of the network devices.

6. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
polling the particular network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file comprising an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic;

receiving updated hardware information associated with the network device at each associated polling interval; and

dynamically displaying the updated hardware information.

7. **(Canceled)**

8. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, the interactive display comprising a first and a second window, the first window comprising a hierarchical tree structure of hardware characteristics, the second window comprising a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected in the hierarchical tree structure.

9. **(Previously Presented)** Software for monitoring hardware information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, the software comprising computer-readable instructions operable to:

invoke a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type;

remotely retrieve real-time hardware information associated with the first network device based on the first location directive, the hardware information including

information of one or more hardware characteristics; and
dynamically present the real-time information through a display.

10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Original)** The software of Claim 9, the hardware information comprising chassis component information.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 9, each hardware characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

- memory usage;
- chassis temperature;
- CPU usage;
- fan status;
- module card status; and
- power supply status.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 9, further operable to select a second location directive of the flexible configuration file to retrieve hardware information associated with a second of the network devices.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 9, further operable to:
poll the particular network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file comprising an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic;

- receive updated hardware information associated with the network device at each associated polling interval; and
- dynamically display the updated hardware information.

15. **(Cancelled)**

16. **(Original)** The software of Claim 9, the interactive display comprising a first and a second window, the first window comprising a hierarchical tree structure of hardware characteristics, the second window comprising a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected in the hierarchical tree structure.

17. **(Previously Presented)** A system for monitoring information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, comprising:

memory storing a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a plurality of location directives, each directive associated with a MIB parameter for one of the network devices; and

one or more processors collectively operable to:

invoke a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a second device type,

remotely retrieve real-time hardware information associated with the first network device based on the first location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics; and

dynamically present the real-time information through a display.

18. **(Canceled)**

19. **(Original)** The system of Claim 17, the hardware information comprising chassis component information.

20. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 17, each hardware characteristic selected from the group consisting of:

memory usage;

chassis temperature;

CPU usage;

fan status;
module card status; and
power supply status.

21. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 17, the processors further operable to select a second location directive of the flexible configuration file to retrieve hardware information associated with a second of the network devices.

22. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 17, the processors further operable to:

poll the particular network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file comprising an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic;

receive updated hardware information associated with the network device at each associated polling interval; and

dynamically display the updated hardware information.

23. **(Canceled)**

24. **(Original)** The system of Claim 17, the interactive display comprising a first and a second window, the first window comprising a hierarchical tree structure of hardware characteristics, the second window comprising a tabular display of information associated with a hardware characteristic selected in the hierarchical tree structure.

25. **(Previously Presented)** A method for monitoring hardware information associated with a plurality of distinct network devices in an enterprise system, comprising:

invoking a flexible configuration file, the flexible configuration file comprising a first location directive to retrieve parameters from a first network device and a second location directive to retrieve parameters from a second network device, the first network device comprising a first device type and the second network device comprising a

second device type,

remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with the first network device based on the first location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics;

remotely retrieving real-time hardware information associated with the second network device based on the second location directive, the hardware information including information of one or more hardware characteristics,

dynamically displaying the information through an interactive display;

polling the first network device based on a polling configuration file, the polling configuration file comprising an associated polling interval for each hardware characteristic retrieved;

receiving updated hardware information associated with the first network device at each associated polling interval; and

dynamically displaying the updated hardware information.